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A Tribute To The Mothers Of America and the World

MOTHER'S DAY

Gentle hands that never weary toiling in love's vineyard sweet,
Eyes that seem forever cheery when our eyes they chance to meet,
Tender, patient, brave, devoted, this is always mother's way.
Could her worth in gold be quoted as you think of her today?

There shall never be another quite so tender, quite so kind
As the patient little mother; nowhere on this earth you'll find
Her affection duplicated; none so proud if you are fine.
Could her worth be overstated? Not by any words of mine.

Death stood near the hour she bore us, agony was hers to know,
Yet she bravely faced it for us, smiling in her time of woe;
Down the years how oft we've tried her, often selfish, heedless, blind,
Yet with love alone to guide her, she was never once unkind.

Vain are all our tributes to her if in words alone they dwell.
We must live the praises due her; there's no other way to tell
Gentle mother that we love her. Would you say, as you recall
All the patient service of her, you've been worthy of it all?

—Edgar A. Guest.

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Editorials

MOTHER

This issue of the Pine Torch is our "Mothers Day" Issue. It is with gratitude that we dedicate these columns to Honor, Respect and Praise of our dear Mothers.

None greater, none nobler, none purer, none sweeter, none more affectionate; none more sympathetic, none more kind, none more loving than Mother. She is next to God. Mothers! your sons, your daughters adore you and on this blessed day which we joyfully accord your beautiful lives and gentle characters, we pay highest tributes to you. Those of us who have become great and noble—we attribute our attainment to your contact with the building of our lives; those of us who have not caught the vision of your nobility look to you for hope and aspiration. We praise you, we love you; we adore you.

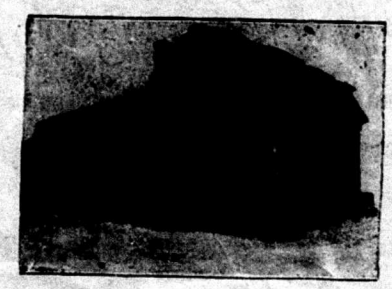
VISITORS OF DORM AND LOBBY

Bishop McKinney, Dean Wm. Pickens, Field Secretary N. A. A. C. P. and J. E. Stamps of Chicago.

PROMOTIONAL COMMITTEE TO BUILD PROGRAM

The Promotional Committee in its recent monthly meeting decided to confine its summer schedule to Committee Building so as to bring each Sum-committee up to full strength; and secondly to build a program for each department under its direction—Namely: Religious, Educational and Social.

Besides special committee training and conferences during the summer season the committee will devote careful study to effective and efficient survey of the demands which each department should meet; and perfect a definite program to that end. Each Sub-committee will be responsible for one night program during the fall opening of Y. M. C. A. activities.



Proposed Elleardsville Building West of Grand Avenue

$4,000 PAID IN DURING APRIL

The volunteer workers are meeting with splendid response in their collections of pledges to the Campaign. During the month of April approximately $4,000 was paid in by colored subscribers. This speaks well for the continuance of the interest in the proposed new building. Every subscriber is urged to bring his subscription up to date at the earliest possible moment.

Subscriptions may be paid at the Pine Street Branch Y. M. C. A. where a temporary receipt is given. The official receipt will be mailed out from the Central Office. Subscriptions may also be paid directly to the Central Office.

Make checks payable to the Treasurer of the St Louis Young Men's Christian Association.

1924-1925 CALENDAR

(Continued from Last Issue)

JANUARY 1925

4th—Annual Praise Service. Attendance 110.

11th—Dr. Chester E. Jenney, Speaker. First Presbyterian Church, St. Louis Subject: "The Life and Gospel of Calvin Coolidge." Mrs. Geneva Story, Soloist. Attendance 115.

18th—Atty. Wm. H. Harrison, Chicago Subject: "Triumphal Vision." Mr. A. L. Haskell, Soloist. Attendance 350.

25th—Mr. Hubert H. Harrison, New York Subject: "Seeking Our Own Salvation." Mrs. Zelle Cole-Evans, Soloist. Attendance 348.

Total attendance for January 913.

FEBRUARY 1925

1st—Dr. Wm. Crowe, St. Louis, Westminster Presbyterian Church. Subject: "Of How Much Great Value Is A Man Than a Sheep?" Attendance 156

(Continued in Next Issue)

MRS. J. M NORCOM, CINCINNATI, OHIO TO DELIVER MOTHER'S DAY ADDRESS

Mrs. Josephine M. Norcom, Executive Secretary Blue Triangle Y. W. C. A. Cincinnati, Ohio, will deliver the "Mother's Day" address at Pine Street Sunday 4:00 p. m.

Mrs. Norcom will speak from the subject: 'Youth—the Hope of the World' A very splendid program has been arranged for this great and noble occasion when Sons and Daughters will pay tribute to the Mothers of the World. The program will be conducted by the Boys Department and the participants will all be Mothers and Sons. The public is most cordially invited to attend.

ST. LOUIS MUSICAL ASSOCIATION TO TO RENDER PROGRAM SUNDAY MAY 17TH

The St. Louis Musical Association will appear in Grand Concert Sunday May 17th at Pine Street Y. M. C. A., 4:00 p. m. This promises to be a real Educational Entertainment of great worth. "'Blue's Concert Band" will play assisted by vocal and instrumental talent. The public is invited to attend.

"Y" STUDENTS TO RECEIVE CERTIFICATES

The following named persons who successfully completed the prescribed course in Salesmanship will be awarded certificates from the United Y. M. C. A. Schools, of New York: Mrs. J. C. Garrison, 4462 Enright Ave., Mr. B. G. Smith, Pine Street Y. M .C. A., Mr. W. L. White, Pine Street Y. M. C. A., Mr. E. H. Davie, 4566 Kennerly Ave. and Mr. R. K. Smith, Pine Street Y. M. C. A.

While there was a class of sixteen only six took the examination from the United Y. M. C. A. Schools. Mr. W. L. White was accredited highest rating in scholarship.

HUNDREDS HEARD DEAN PICKENS LAST SUNDAY

Yes! long before the hour men began gathering for the Big Men's Meeting. The meeting began on the hour and was a meeting full of inspiration and intellectual benefit.

The A Capella Quartette sang and the Railroad Y. M. C. A. Orchestra rendered excellent music to the enjoyment of all present. Mr. Pickens' message was logical, humorous yet cultural, short, yet inspiring. His topic was "Racial Self Respect."

VOLLEY BALL TONIGHT CHICAGO VS PINE STREET "Y"

TONIGHT CHICAGO VS PINE STREET

Windy City V. B. Teams Arrive Friday

The game tonight will be the last Volley Ball match of the season. The Wabash Avenue Y. M. C. A. Team of Chicago is here to oppose Dr. Hancock's Varsity Team. Don't miss this last chance to see our champions in order this season, and get a glimpse of Chicago crack volley ball team.

The word of our opponents does not look so formidable. They were defeated in a mild match by the strong Indianapolis Team in the Tournament last fall. Since then they have added our own star Howard Lindsay and several other younger players. The rejuvenated team has had much success in their inter-association game in Chicago throughout the winter. They are sure to give Pine Street a real battle and we need the support of all loyal St. Louisans.

The game will start at 8:30 promptly. Come out early and get a good seat. The admission is 25 cents.

ON TO LOUISVILLE

The Volley Ball Team and loyal rooters will leave about midnight Thursday May 14th for Louisville. The big game will be played Friday night and other big things will be staged at Louisville Saturday.

Word came from Louisville this week that they are ready for us and will entertain us royally in two ways, during the match physically and socially before and after the games. They warn us that they have never lost on their home floor and they don't intend to lose this time The Team will be in good shape and if we do not encounter any serious handicap enroute to Louisville, we are sure to remain the undefeated champions.

The exact time the long pilgrimage will start will be posted. All cars are asked to start together from the Y. We will endeavor to stay together the whole route. The speed demons have promised to keep with the gang. We hope to be in Louisville before noon Friday morning. Everybody who contemplates making the trip should get in touch with Mr. Woodson immediately.

FIFTH ANNUAL CIRCUS

The circus this year enjoyed its usual success. Full account will appear on this page next week.

TRADE WEEK MARATHON THRILLING RACE

"Y" Boys Take Three Places

The first annual Trade Week Marathon promoted by the St. Louis Negro Business League under the direction of W. C. Woodson of Pine Street "Y" was run as a part of the activities of the opening day of this great National forward movement. The weather was idea. for such an event and it was a great race. Fifteen boys entered and they attracted the attention and favorable comments of everybody along the four mile course.

The boys assembled at the Y. M. C. A. at 5:30 and each was carefully examined by Dr. J. E. White. At 6:30 the time of the race the mortorcycle escorts arrived and the race was off. There were two distinct races, junior boys under seventeen and senior boys over sixteen. The juniors started at Ewing and Lucas and the seniors at the Y. M. C. A. Pine and Ewing. The course led over Ewing and Lucas, west on Lucas to Grand north on Grand to Delmar, west on Delmar to Taylor, north on Taylor to Page, east on Page to Pendleton, north on Pendleton to North Market. Besides the motorcycle police, the runners were accompanied by a group of the men of the League in machines.

The senior race was won by Brister Grisby, a Sumner High School boy, who is winning every race of this sort he enters. The time was 20 minutes and 15 seconds, which is remarkably good for amateurs. William Cody of the "Y" was second, his time being 22 minutes and 21 seconds.

The finish of the Junior event was most thrilling. Eddie Colburn took the lead after the first mile and hed it only to be beaten by a lead of Louis Brown Brown sprinted the last fifty yards and it was this sport that defeated Colburn. Both are Pine Street "Y" Pioneers.

The prizes were as follows: Senior Race, 1st —$45.00 Bicycle, 2nd, Swimming Suit. Junior Race, 1st—Silver Loving Cup; 2nd, Sweater. The boys entered in the race: Seniors, Brister Grisby, Evanger Collender, Nathaniel Ward, Clifton Horne, Otto Waters, Arthur Edwards, William Cody. Juniors: D. Goins William Abernathy, Eddie Colburn, Jas. Kelly, Volmar Dorsey, Burnal Wellis, McKinley McQueen and Louis Brown.

BIBLE STUDY

Do not trouble about what you are to eat in life, nor about what you are to put on your body: life is something more than food and the body something more than clothes.

Subject for Sunday: What is a Man's Object in his Work? Led by Rev. C. M. Moore. For most men the object of their job or profession is to make a living as his object? If a person were to give his money liberally to the church and other good causes, might he then have the making of money his object? Why or why not? Study these questions.

Bible References:—

Luke 13:10, 17—14:1-6.

Mark 1:21-34, 2:23-28, 3:1-6.

Sunday's lesson led by Mr. Charles C. Young was very interesting from begin ning to end. Men proved they had been giving some time to the subject and all made it a very lively discussion.

Come and bring your friend.

CIRCUS DUST

It was a great show and we had a great time

It was mighty fine to see such boys as "Red" Moore, Theodore Brime, Sam Johnson as interested in cleaning up after the Circus as some fellows were who tried to "clean up" in the show.

Somebody said that Eddie makes a pretty good monkey after all. Well a ing to represent that group on the Mothgood Pioneer does make good in most anything—take Marathon racing for instance—Eddie "cleaned up" in that too except on Pioneer Brown.

Jerome Brown and Wardell Newman had the "clean ups."

Speaking of clowns, some boys ar. too "dumb" to be funny.

It takes a wise person to act a fool that's why Blackshear could always make the folks laugh.

They tell me that Leo, the fat man, fell in love with the wild girl. He likes 'em wild.

Only 357 days more before Circus time will come again. Start getting ready

WONDERS OF DORM AND LOBBY

A wise man changes but a fool never changes. For instance Moore the only Sheik in the Dorm now.

Why did Dr. Jones come in so early the three nights of the Circus?

Our Business Secretary would have made a better Pole Climber than Eddie, the Monkey.

BOYS DIVISION NEWS
HONOR ROLL
Week of April 27th

Midgets: Milton Moore, John Bailey, Clifton Bailey, Walthall Moore, Walter Binggham, Jerome Brown, Hugh Carroll, Burleson English, Wm. Jackson, Wardell Newman, Arvell Robinson, John Smith, Joseph Taylor and Elwood Ward.

Juniors: Waide Norwood, Clarence English, Alphonso Kidd, Herbert Erskine Jerome Reed, Edward Bruin, Jacob Martin, Thos. Richardson and Terry Turner.

Seniors: None.

Leaders: Alvin Golida.

MOTHERS' DAY
Bring Your Mother

Every boy is expected to bring his mother to the special Mothers Day Service which is being given especially in honor of the Mothers of Y. M. C. A. boys on Sunday, at 4 p. m.

We have sent away to Cincinnati, Ohio to secure a speaker who will help us to make this the greatest affair of the year. Surely every "Y" boy loves his mother and wants her to know how much his "Y" thinks of her. Then do not fail to show us how proud you are of her and how proud she is of you by escorting her to your "Y" on MOTHER'S DAY.

MOTHERS DAY NOTES

The Young Brothers Quartette is going to sing on the Mothers Day Program.

Every "Y" boy is tuning himself up to high pitch of love and devotion to Mother during this week.

Alfred Batchman, a comrade, is goers Day Program by playing a piano solo.

It seems that the MOTHER AND SON BANQUET is going to beat the Father and Son Banquet.

William Staves is going to recite a Mothers Day poem on the Sunday Program and Charles Blackshear is going to tell "Why Older Boys Need Their Mothers."

Fellows, have you ever considered that that girl will some day be some body's mother? Are you helping her to become the kind of mother that your mother is?

MOTHER AND SON BANQUET

Every "Y" boy should be preparing to bring his Mother to the FIRST ANNUAL MOTHERS AND SON BANQUET next Friday night. Besides the good things to eat, we want to give our Mothers the best old time she has ever had. There will be a sing-song, toasts, music and an excellent talk on the program. You can not attend without Mother, Auntie or some lady who takes the place of your Mother. DON'T MISS ATTENDING the FIRST ANNUAL MOTHER AND SON BANQUET.

BRICK BATS & BOUQUETS

There are only two cute things — Monkeys and Babies—well, Eddie was cute for three days. No, he wasn't a baby.

That sure was a tight race Monday between Eddie and Brown. They say Louie crossed the finishing line first by sticking out his tongue.

Who do you think was third? Oh! "Bill Abernathy. "Whodathotit?

McQueen ran a good race too. He came in fifth. There must have been only five in the race.

Donohue also ran. We are looking for him to come about Monday. That boy has long legs for nothing.

I thought that it wasn't gonna be a handicap race? Horn was handicapped. Look at the extra weight he had hanging on his ankles.

Say, are all you fellows saving up for camp? Just a few weeks left. There are two kinds of boys that like camping —those under 12 and those over 12.

CLUB NOTES

Whoopee—Howard's in town—O—U Ikkie.

Big hike Saturday—Sign up Friday and get ready.

Well, well, the Iriquoise lost the Curoque Championship to the Sioux in April. Come on Mohawks.

Get ready for the last Parents Night Exhibition Friday, May 29th.

Comrades—let's initiate a dozen more weaklings on FRIDAY the 15TH—WHATSAY.

Pioneers are working hard on their Silver Trail Blazer Buttons which are to be presented June 1st.

Watch out No. 1, No. 4 is on your trail.

Greeks vs. Romans in Pool and Horse Shoes, beginning next Sunday.

SPECIAL MOTHER'S DAY DINNER
Pine St. Branch Y. M. C. A.

Stuffed Veal ..... Fried Chicken
Roast Pork ..... Stewed Chicken and Dumplings
Roast Beef .....

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Corn on Cob ..... New Beets
Buttered Asparagus ..... Macaroni
Peas with New Potatoes ..... Okra
New Green Beans ..... Candied Sweet Potatoes
Stuffed Green Peppers ..... New Greens
Buttered Cauliflower ..... Squash

SALADS

Chicken .....
Crab Meat .....
Tomato .....
Cucumber .....
Fruit .....
Potato .....

DRINKS

Hot Tea
Ice Tea
Coffee
Milk

REAL MOTHER'S PIES AND CAKES

Rhubarb ..... Mocha Cake—Pineapple Filling
Apple ..... Plain Cake
Cherry ..... Cocoanut Cake
Lemon ..... Strawberry Short Cake

Ice Cream